

Re: Broadcast Ownership - Docket 02-277

As a longtime media consumer, I urge the FCC commissioners not to enact the proposed new rules regarding station ownership. Clearly, the existing rules are already too lax and should not be further weakened. The proposed new rules are anti-competitive and undemocratic, and would lead to less diversity of programming and less objective news coverage. Eventually, absolute monopolies would exist and Congress would act, forcing a mass divestiture of stations and, very likely, a thorough reorganization of the FCC. This can be avoided if Chairman Powell and his Republican colleagues on the Commission abandon their ill-advised and unethical plan to further deregulate the public airwaves.